



Ferguson Fire Update

July 21, 2018 / 7 AM Update

Ferguson Fire Info Line: (530) 377-6221

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INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: 7/13/2018		Incident Start Time: 9:36 p.m.
Incident Type: Vegetation Fire		Cause: Under Investigation
Unified Command Agencies: US Forest Service, CALFIRE, Mariposa County Sheriff		
Incident Location: Merced River Canyon		Structures threatened: 216
Size: 27,129 acres	Containment: 7%	Expected Full Containment: Unknown
Civilian Injuries: 0		Firefighter Injuries: 4
Civilian Fatalities: 0		Firefighter Fatalities: 1

Engines: 204 **Water Tenders:** 38 **Helicopters:** 17 **Crews:** 70 **Dozers:** 40 **Total Personnel:** 2,832

The Ferguson Fire grew more than 2,500 acres throughout the day and into the night hours Friday as the inversion layer lifted and fire activity increased in many areas of the fire’s footprint.

The bulk of the increased acreage came north of Highway 140 near Ned’s Gulch where the unstable atmosphere helped the fire spot over the road and the Merced River. Both air and ground resources engaged the new fires early but were unable to make headway in the steep, rugged terrain. The portion of the fire north of the river is estimated at 2,000 acres.

Firefighters will scout out the area north of 140 to find the best ground to make a stand and stop the spread of the new spot fire.

Crews continued to make progress on building line from El Portal southeast to the Wawona Road and much of the line is complete and lined with hose lays in preparation for tactical firing operations.

Along the western edge of the Ferguson Fire, firefighters continued to hold the line around Jerseydale and made progress mopping up some of the remaining hot spots and smoldering embers in that area and will continue to do so.

Yosemite National Park remains open. For information on Yosemite National Park, go to: nps.gov/yose or call 209-372-0200

Mandatory Evacuations: Areas that are currently under a mandatory evacuation include:

- Incline Road from Foresta Bridge to the last BLM campground
- Jerseydale/ Mariposa Pines
- Cedar Lodge/ Indian Flat Campground
- Savage’s Trading Post
- Sweetwater Ridge
- El Portal Trailer Court
- Rancheria Flat - Government Housing
- Old El Portal
- Yosemite View Lodge
- Foresta

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Advisory Evacuations: This is NOT an Evacuation Order. This is an advisement only of a potential Evacuation Order should conditions change.

- Yosemite West
- Lushmeadows Community
- Ponderosa Basin Community
- Triangle Rd. from Jeresdale Rd. to Highway 49 South including all side roads.
- Darrah Rd. from Triangle to Sherrod Rd.
- East side of Hwy 49S from Darrah Rd. to Harris Rd.- This includes Boyer Rd., Woodland Area, Wass Rd. Tip Top Rd.

Evacuation Center(s): **New Life Christian Fellowship:** 5089 Cole Rd, Mariposa, CA 95338. **Yosemite Valley Elementary School:** 9009 Lost Arrow Road, Yosemite NP, 95389.

Road Closures: Highway 140 is closed from the entrance of Yosemite National Park to 1.5 miles West of Midpines. Incline Road, River Road from Briceburg to the gate at Railroad Flat and all Campground areas along Highway 140 closed. Hites Cove / Jerseydale Road.

Animal Shelters: **Small animals:** SPCA of Mariposa County 5599 California 49, Mariposa, CA 95338
Large animals 5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338.